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For: FLAME-RETARDANT POLYACETAL RESIN COMPOSITION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (Amended) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a novolak phenol resin having a weight-average molecular weight of 500 to 10,000.

6. (Amended) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a phenol resin modified with paraxylylene or alkylbenzene.

7. (Amended) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a phenol resin containing 5% by

weight or less of unreacted phenol.

8. (Amended) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the metal salt (D) is at least one substance selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal salt of a fatty acid and an alkaline earth metal salt of a fatty acid.

11. (Amended) A resin composition according to claim 1 further comprising 5% by weight or less of (E) a silicon-based lubricant.

REMARKS

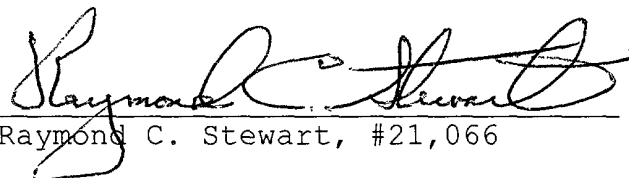
The amendment to the claims is merely to delete multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version with Markings Showing Changes Made

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) A resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a novolak phenol resin having a weight-average molecular weight of 500 to 10,000.

6. (Amended) A resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a phenol resin modified with paraxylylene or alkylbenzene.

7. (Amended) A resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a phenol resin containing 5% by weight or less of unreacted phenol.

8. (Amended) A resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, wherein the metal salt (D) is at least one substance selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal salt of a fatty acid and an alkaline earth metal salt of a fatty acid.

11. (Amended) A resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 10] claim 1, further comprising 5% by weight or less of (E) a silicon-based lubricant.